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SUBJECT Observation of Nine American Prisoners
of War in Binh Tuy Province

ACQ Vietnam, Nha Trang (12 October 1970)

SOURCE

1. [redacted] saw nine American prisoners of war (POW), seven Caucasian and two Negro soldiers, at the Viet Cong (VC) Binh Thuan Province detention camp in Binh Tuy Province during the period late October 1968 to 20 April 1969. Comment: VC Binh Thuan Province includes Government of Vietnam (GVN) Binh Thuan Province and the southeastern portion of Lam Dong Province.) The detention camp comprised four small camps, the Americans being held in a special section called the "International Detention Camp" (Trai Giam Quoc Te) located in a valley near the Da Trian stream at ZT 186437 in Huy Khiem Village, Tanh Linh District, Binh Tuy Province. Comment: The VC Binh Thuan Province Committee has historically used the mountainous areas of Binh Tuy Province, to the south, as a base of operations.)

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CAMP LOG #: [redacted]

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1:50,000 Coord: [redacted]

1:250,000 Coord: [redacted]

UTM Card: [redacted]

INFO Card: [redacted]

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2. During the 7 months that [redacted] was able to observe the prisoners, they always appeared to be in good spirits. They were not wounded, and their apparent leader was a red-haired sergeant 25 to 40 years of age. The sergeant, who had a large stomach, led the men to a bathing area two or three times a week. [redacted] said that although he got close enough to see that the red-haired American had a large diagonal scar on his left forearm, he could not remember the name printed above the American's fatigue jacket pocket. [redacted] diagrammed the three-striped metal chevrons on the lapel of the fatigue jacket. [redacted] Comment: The Joint Prisoner Recovery Center indicated that the sergeant may be Staff Sergeant Adams, USAF, captured on 31 October 1965 near YS 224805.)

3. During the period of [redacted] confinement in camp "A" of the detention camp, he was told by (fnu) C h a u, the camp commander, that the Americans were well treated and were fed canned meat, vegetables and fresh bread. He said expenses incurred by the VC Binh Thuan Province Committee would be compensated by a higher authority. [redacted] Comment: Chau has been confirmed by other sources as the leader of the province detention camp. Captured enemy documents also place the detention site in the general vicinity described by [redacted] [redacted] said that on many occasions he saw commercial canned meat being taken to the Americans. He described the containers as brightly colored, but he was unable to read the labels. According to [redacted] prison [redacted] named [redacted] the food was obtained from truck interdictions on highway 20 to the northeast in Lam Dong Province. [redacted] also mentioned that [redacted] there was a total of nine Americans because [redacted] them together during meal hours.

4. In January 1970 [redacted] met a former detention camp prisoner named [redacted] who had been released just a few months earlier. [redacted] said the Americans had been taken from the camp in a group sometime around 19 May 1969 and were bound for Hanoi. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] was certain of the date because it was a VC holiday and many of the prisoners were released or transferred at that time. [redacted] said that he did not see the Americans at the camp after this holiday period. [redacted] had also heard that Hanoi was to compensate the expenses incurred in feeding the Americans.

5. Field Dissem: State, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, [redacted]/JUSI (Mr. Nickel only), 7th Air Force, USARV, NAVFORV, 525th MI G, 6499 SAG, OSI, CINCPAC, PACFLT, PACAF, ARPAC [redacted]